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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2002, which set a one month period for reply. This amendment is thus timely filed on or before December 27, 2002.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-8 and 19-25 without prejudice.

Replace the pending claims with their correspondingly numbered claims below.

Add new claims 26-29.

9. (Amended) A method for screening for a bioactive agent capable of modulating the activity of a Toso cell surface receptor, said method comprising the steps of:

a) adding a candidate bioactive agent to a hematopoietic cell comprising a recombinant nucleic acid encoding a Toso cell-surface receptor, wherein said recombinant nucleic acid will hybridize under high stringency conditions to the nucleic acid sequence depicted in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) or its complement;

b) exposing said cell to an apoptotic agent that will induce apoptosis; and

c) determining the effect of the candidate bioactive agent on apoptosis.